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Appl. No. : 10/699,446
Applicant : Jitendra Balakrishnan, et al
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Title : Method and Apparatus For Depositing Glass Soot

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Examiner : Queenie S. Dehghan

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 20, 2006, in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions.

Group I. Claims 1 – 14, drawn to a method of making an optical fiber, classified in class 65, subclass 421 and

Group II. Claims 15 & 16, drawn to an apparatus for depositing soot, classified in class 65, subclass 531.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 (eight) of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.